(b) what is the per day distribution of cooking gas cylinders in the State; and

(c) how the surplus refilled cylinders, if any, are being utilised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERTROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) The LPG bottling capacity available n Uttar Pradesh is nearly 38,000 refills per day, which adequately meets the refill distribution requirements in the state.

Supply of electricity in the States

506. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the statewise average of demand and supply position of electricity in the country from January 1987 till January 1988;

(b) what has been the statewise position of power break-down in the country during the summer months of 1988 and what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the steps taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) & (b) The requisite information is given in Appexure I [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 25] and II [*See* Appendix CXLVII, Annexure No. 26].

(c) Steps taken by the Government include expending commissioning of new capacity; optimum utilisation of existing capacity; implementing short gestation projects; reducing transmission and distribution losses; implementation of energy conservation and improved demand management measures ;arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas; continued analysis of Power system disturbances and taking of corrective measures to minimise recurrences in future.

Inflated telephone bills

507. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received with regard to inflated telephone bills from subscribers circle/statewise during the period from January, 1987 to June, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the officers of the Telecom Department were found to be involved in the racket; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c). The information has been called for from filed units and will be laid on the Table of the House as early as possible.

Digital telephone exchange in UP

508. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of cities in Uttar Pradesh where digital electronic exchanges have been installed or are proposed to be installed in the near future and the estimated cost of cash of such exchanges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): The information is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 27].

Funds for new power project in Orissa

509. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has requested the Central Government to provide adequate funds for new power projects in the States;

(b) if So, what is the total allocation made to the State during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that Orissa is facing acute power shortage these years;

(d) if so, what further steps are being taken by the Central Government to generate additional power in the State; and

(e) whether additional funds are being provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT IN POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (e) For the power Sector Annual Plan 1988-89 of Orissa, the Government of Orissa had proposed an amount of Rs. 221.97 crores against which the Planning Commission allocated an outlay for Rs. 224.03 crores.

(b) The allocations made for the power sector of the State during the last three years are indicated below:—

Year	Allocations (Rs. crores)
1985-86 . .	114.31
1986-87 . .	154.46
1987-88 . .	184.72

(c) The power shortage in Orissa during the last three years and during the period April-June, 1988 is given below:—

Year	Deficit (MU)	Percentage Deficit
1985-86 .	1032	19.2
1986-87 .	1521	24.0
1987-88	1197	17.4
April-June, 1988	285	17.5

(d) Orissa has been receiving considerable assistance from the Central Power Stations of Farakka STPS and Chuka HEP over and above its allocated shares. Substantial assistance was also arranged to the State from Madhya Pradesh, DPL/WBSEB and from the captive power pant of Nalco in Orissa. These efforts will continue. The other steps being taken to increase the avaiability of power in the State include the expediting commissioning of new projects, improving the performance of the existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

Shortage of staff in DESU office, Vikaspuri

510. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any staff shortage in Vikaspuri Office of D.E.S.U.; and

(b) if so, by when D.E.S.U. proposes to make up the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, there is some shortage of staff in district Vikaspuri particularly in the categories of Clerks and Peons. DESU proposes to make up the shortage during the current financial year.

Industrial development of backward areas of Uttar Pradesh

511. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy regarding industrial development of backward areas of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) what steps have been taken by the Central Government during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in this direction; and

(c) what amounts of subsidy were granted by Central Government during the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 for the industrial development of these areas of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Industrially backward districts in Uttar Pradesh as identified by the Central Government have been classified into 3 categories viz. A, B and C. Entrepreneurs setting up industries in